

PORTLAND CONCERN MAY GET CONTRACT

Bid on Bridge Superstructure for Main and Slough Spans Lowest.

FIGURES ARE UNOFFICIAL

Difference of \$231 May Bring Job of Manufacturing Steel for Great Interstate Structure to Northwest Steel Company.

A Portland firm of contractors, the Northwest Steel Company, may secure the contract for the superstructure of the new interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Unofficial figures place the bid of the Portland firm on the steel work for the main span and the span across the slough on the Oregon side of the Columbia River at approximately \$331 below that of the American Bridge Company. It is understood that these two firms have presented the lowest offers for doing the structural steel work. They did not bid on the substructure, the dredging or the approaches.

The bid of the Northwest Steel Company on the main channel span is \$417,402, while that of the American Bridge Company is \$415,217, a difference in favor of the latter firm of \$2,185.

Bid on Slough Span Lower. On the slough span the Portland concern bid \$34,184, while the American Bridge Company bid \$34,500, a difference in favor of the Portland firm of \$316.

The Northwest Steel Company thus has a net advantage over the American Bridge Company on the bids on the main channel span and the slough span combined of \$231. The figures are from compilations made by contractors who have examined the bids.

Portland people are generally interested in the bids and many are eager to see the local firm secure the contract, inasmuch as the Northwest Steel Company would be employed to employ about 150 skilled mechanics in fabricating the structure.

If an Eastern firm secures the contract the fabricating will be done in the East, and the steel parts will come in South Portland, and is said to be well equipped to do the work.

It is estimated that the steel contract in the hands of a local firm instead of an Eastern firm will mean the distribution of approximately \$125,000 in pictures taken of Judge Ditteneo as a tribute to him as the result of the Judge's advice and consultation during the production of "The Warrens of Virginia," the feature film now running at the People Theater.

Commissioner Higgins, of Clarke County, and Commissioner Holbrook, of Multnomah County, together with John L. Harrington and E. E. Howard, consulting engineers, devoted all yesterday to consideration of the numerous bids that were opened on Tuesday. Precisely 21 firms were represented in the bidding. Some of them submitted offers for the entire bridge, and some for the entire bridge, including steel work, abutments, approaches, dredging, and everything. The Pacific Bridge Company, of Portland, was among those that put in a bid for the entire job.

The engineers in charge of the work believe that they can complete their study of the bids today and present the complete figures this afternoon. While the Commissioners are expected to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, all conditions being equal, they have some discretion in the way of rejecting bids.

MRS. W. E. McELROY DIES

Takes Poison While Deranged From Long Illness.

In a moment of aberration following a year of illness, Mrs. Rose E. McElroy, wife of Professor W. E. McElroy, swallowed a fatal dose of poison late yesterday afternoon in her apartment at 262 Sixth street, dying 20 minutes later.

Mrs. McElroy had resided in Portland the past four years. She was born in Marion County in 1849 and passed the most of her life in or near Salem. She was affiliated with the Christian Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McElroy leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnson, of Salem; three brothers, George W. Johnson, Jr., Clyde E. Johnson and Paul Johnson, all of Salem, and three children, George E., of Chicago, aged 21; Agnes Marie, aged 17, and Earl, aged 10.

Professor McElroy is the leader of McElroy's band, which provided park music in Portland in 1912 and 1913 and concerts at the Odeon in 1914.

TWO DIE BY AUTO'S PLUNGE

Third Seriously Injured in 35-Foot Drop From Bridge at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 25.—Two men were killed and a third seriously hurt when an automobile in which four men were riding plunged 35 feet over a bridge into a gulch here early tonight.

Douglas McDonald, a contractor, is one of the victims. William Reidy, a section foreman, died as a result of a fracture to his skull. Pat McGraw, a laborer, sustained a broken leg and other injuries. George McCann, a saloon proprietor, who was driving the car, escaped with only slight cuts. He is being held by the police, it being alleged that he was driving the auto at a high rate of speed.

1,035,000 ALLIES CAPTIVES

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FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, Germany, via London, Feb. 25.—The Frankfurter Zeitung estimates that the prisoners of war in Germany and Austria now number 1,035,000. This number, it says, is divided as follows: Russians, 692,000; French, 227,000; Belgians, 50,000; British, 27,000; and about 75 per cent of the total is held by Germany.

STANFORD DEBATERS GIVEN

Tri-State Event Probably Will Be Held March 19.

will compete in the tri-state debate, have been announced. C. B. Weston, of Palo Alto, and M. Crobaugh, of San Jose, will invade the University of Washington in the tri-state debate, while H. R. English, of Stanford, and W. H. Pringle, of Ashland, Or., with G. W. Fenimore, of Los Angeles, will be Stanford's team to talk against the University of Oregon debaters at Stanford.

FATHER'S FILM IS GIFT

Belasco Presents Pictures to Mrs. Leon Hirsch.

Mrs. Leon Hirsch, of Portland, recently received from David Belasco seven hundred feet of film taken of her father, Judge A. J. Ditteneo, in an accompanying letter, Mr. Belasco says that he had these motion pictures taken of Judge Ditteneo as a tribute to him as the result of the Judge's advice and consultation during the production of "The Warrens of Virginia," the feature film now running at the People Theater.

PIONEER MISSIONARY DIES

AFTER TWO-YEAR ILLNESS, AGE 77.

Rev. Alexander Scott Foster, aged 77 years, pioneer missionary and Presbyterian minister, died Wednesday morning at his residence at 27 Seventh and thirteenth streets, following an illness of two years.

For 38 years he was a home missionary. He came to Oregon in 1832 and occupied a pulpit at Medford for six years. He then answered a call to Tillamook for two years, going to Knappa, Or., for two years, then moving to Portland.

Mr. Foster was a cousin of Stephen C. Foster, composer of Southern melodies. His widow and daughter, Miss Mayne Foster, survive.

The funeral will be held at Finley's chapel, Fifth and Montgomery streets, at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Masons will assist in the services.

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Lambert fell eight feet from a ladder on February 12 and landed on the back of his head. An X-ray photograph of his injuries yesterday disclosed that Lambert's neck was broken. To be exact, the atlas, which supports the head, was broken. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital and his neck was put in a plaster cast.

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Augmenting Instead of Duplicating Service Proposed by City Commissioner.

REGULAR SCHEDULE IS AIM

Operation, Wherever Possible, on Streets Not Traveled by Trolleys Proposed and License to Go if Rules Are Violated.

Augmenting of the streetcar service of the city by means of jitneys instead of duplicating the service is to be urged by City Commissioner Daly in his proposed jitney regulation ordinance, which will be taken up formally by the City Council probably tomorrow.

Under the proposed arrangement the city is divided into 13 districts. Each district has a route upon which jitneys must operate. They will be prohibited from getting off that route. The routes, wherever possible, will be on streets other than those upon which streetcars are operated. The jitney service therefore will serve districts where persons now are required to walk some distance to streetcars.

In the Hawthorne district, for example, it is proposed to require the jitneys to operate on Division street. It will be proposed that a license be required and that the jitneys operate only upon taking out a permit and paying license fee. The jitney applying for a permit will be required to select a line and will have to maintain a certain schedule of service. Failure to do so will mean the revocation of the permit.

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CUPID BUSIER IN CLARKE

Lull at Vancouver Broken by 11 Licenses in One Day.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.) The marriage license bureau at Vancouver today issued 11 licenses in one day, breaking a lull of several weeks, has shown wonderful signs of recuperation. Yesterday no less than 11 licenses were issued and today the number was eight.

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NECK BROKEN; MAN WALKS

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Wandering about for 12 days with a broken neck, suffering little pain and unaware of the seriousness of his condition, Harry M. Lambert, a carpenter who works at Lewis, in Portland, was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital and his neck was put in a plaster cast.

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3 BRITISH RAIDERS MISSING

Airmen Not Located Since Attack on Germans in Belgium.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Three aviators who participated in a raid against German positions in Belgium are missing. This statement was issued tonight by the official information bureau, which said:

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that in the recent naval air attacks on the Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges districts, four flying officers were reported missing: One of these, Flight Lieutenant D. Murray, since has reported himself from Flushing. Lieutenant Murray was compelled to alight on the open sea and eventually was picked up by a Dutch torpedo boat.

The other three officers reported missing are: Lieutenant F. G. Risall, Flight Lieutenant T. D. O'Brien and Flight Substitute Lieutenant T. Spencer. It is regretted that no further news of them has been obtained.

30 STAFF OFFICERS KILLED

Serbian Shell Ends Austrian War Council at Semlin.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A Saloniki dispatch to the Daily Chronicle says: "According to a Serbian official statement, 30 Austrian staff officers were killed by the Serbian bombardment of Semlin last week. They were gathered at a council of war at the Grand Hotel, when a shell struck the building."

larger firm. These companies are said to be in control of the trade in old glass, bottles, rubber and similar goods in this country.

BRITAIN TRIES LEIPSIK IDEA

Fair Dating Back 600 Years Is to Be Duplicated in London.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The usual Leipzig fair or messe will be held there from March 1 to 5. The management, it is reported, has arranged for attendance of buyers from the United States and the neutral countries of Europe.

In this connection the Chamber of Commerce has issued a statement denying that German manufacturers are unable to fill foreign orders for goods that require any special arrangements about passports at the German frontier. All travelers from neutral countries with properly vouchered passports can pass the frontier and will meet with no difficulties inside Germany.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The famous industrial fair held annually at Leipzig and dating back nearly 600 years is to be duplicated this year as far as possible in England. A hall has been obtained at Islington, a London suburb, where the exhibition will be opened on Monday, May 10.

MISSING POLICEMAN SEEN

J. M. Wise Reported to Be in San Francisco on February 14.

J. M. Wise, ex-member of Portland's police moral squad, who disappeared suddenly about two weeks ago, was seen in Golden Gate Park at San Francisco, on February 14, according to a letter received by the police last night from S. B. Sandefer, special agent for the State Board of Pharmacy.

Sandefer met Wise in company with a woman, he wrote. He did not know that the man was wanted here, he said, and thought nothing of the meeting until he read that Wise was missing. The letter was written to a Portland friend, who has given it to the police. The San Francisco police have been notified.

Mr. Sandefer worked with Wise last Summer during the campaign against the illicit sale of drugs.

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